

History of Building Code Adoption in the City of San Jose

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Code Edition	Calif Code Based on:	SJ Adopting Ordinance #	Adoption Date	Effective Date
First San Jose Building Code SJBC		#1335	01/21/1890	02/21/1890
1927 Uniform Building Code	1927 UBC	#2183	09/11/1928	10/11/1928
1937 Uniform Building Code	1937 UBC	#2604	01/17/1938	02/24/1938
1946 Uniform Building Code	1946 UBC	#3198	05/24/1946	06/24/1946
1949 Uniform Building Code	1949 UBC	#3678	06/06/1949	07/06/1949
1952 Uniform Building Code	1952 UBC	#4120	10/27/1952	11/27/1952
1964 Uniform Building Code	1964 UBC	#12187	11/02/1964	12/02/1964
1970 Uniform Building Code	1964 UBC	#15964	12/01/1971	12/22/1971
1973 Uniform Building Code	1973 UBC	#17549	01/03/1975	02/03/1975
1976 Uniform Building Code	1976 UBC	#19317	07/06/1978	08/18/1978
1979 Uniform Building Code	1979 UBC	#20536	04/07/1981	05/08/1981
1982 Uniform Building Code	1982 UBC		[Resid. only*]	02/01/1986
1985 Uniform Building Code	1985 UBC		[Resid. only*]	09/10/1987
1988 Uniform Building Code	1988 UBC	#23321	11/21/1989	01/01/1990
1991 Uniform Building Code	1991 UBC	#24084	05/05/1992	08/14/1992
1994 Uniform Building Code	1994 UBC	#25002	10/14/1995	12/28/1995
1994 Uniform Plumbing Code	1994 UPC	"		"
1994 Uniform Mechanical Code	1994 UMC			
1993 National Electrical Code	1993 NEC			
1995 Calif. Title 24 Energy Stds.	1995 T-24			07/01/1995
1997 Uniform Building Code	1997 UBC	#25839	06/01/1999	07/01/1999
1997 Uniform Plumbing Code	1997 UPC			"
1997 Uniform Mechanical Code	1997 UMC			
1996 National Electrical Code	1996 NEC	#25875	06/15/1999	07/01/1999
1997 Uniform Code for Bldg. Conservation	1997 UCBC	"		"
1998 Calif. Title 24 Energy Standards	1998 T-24	<Cal.State>		07/01/1999
2001 California Building Code	1997 UBC	#26729	09/10/2002	11/01/2002
2001 California Plumbing Code	2000 UPC			"
2001 California Mechanical Code	2000 UMC			
2002 California Electrical Code	2000 NEC			
2001 Calif. Code for Building Conservation	1997 UCBC			
2004 California Electrical Code	2002 NEC	#27470	06/28/2005	07/01/2005
2001 Calif. Title 24 Energy Efficiency Code	2001 T-24	<Cal.State>		06/01/2001
2005 Calif. Title 24 Energy Efficiency Code	2005 T-24	<Cal.State>		10/01/2005
2007 California Building Code CBC	2006 IBC	#28166	11/20/07	01/01/2008
2007 California Plumbing Code CPC	2006 UPC			"
2007 California Mechanical Code CMC	2006 UMC			
2007 California Electrical Code CEC	2006 NEC			
2007 Calif. Existing Building Code CEBC	2006 IEBC			
2007 California Fire Code CFC	2006 IFC	#28167	11/20/07	01/01/2008

Notes:

- Code editions not specifically listed above were NOT adopted by the City of San Jose (e.g. the IRC is not adopted)
- Codes are modified by local Amendments and the State's Adoption Matrix [SFM, HCD, DSA-AC, OSHPD-3]
- The previously adopted Code(s) remain in effect until replaced by a later edition.
- The submittal date of a complete application (per SJMC 24.02.210) determines the applicable Code edition, NOT necessarily the permit issuance date.
- Building owners and design professionals are responsible for compliance with all applicable Local, State, and Federal regulations regardless of municipal adoption.
- The various [errata](#) (updates, clerical corrections), and supplements for each Code edition are to be included.

Code Adoption History - continued

- Code books are available for viewing at your local Library, City Clerk's office, or City Hall Permit Center. They may be purchase at bookstores ([Roberts](#), [Amazon.com](#), etc) or from the ICC [www.iccsafe.org](#).
- The current State [Accessibility Regulations](#) and California Title 24 [Energy Codes](#) are available online for *free*.

Common Abbreviations:

SJMC: San Jose Municipal Code T-24: California State Regulations

UBC: Uniform Building Code UMC: Uniform Mechanical Code UPC: Uniform Plumbing Code

NEC: National Electrical Code UFC: Uniform Fire Code UCBC: Uniform Code of Building Conservation

IBC: International Building Code IFC: International Fire Code IEBC: International Existing Building Code

- * The 1982 and 1985 editions of the Uniform Building Code were never adopted by ordinance in the City of San Jose, but their enforcement for residential construction only was mandated by the State of California.